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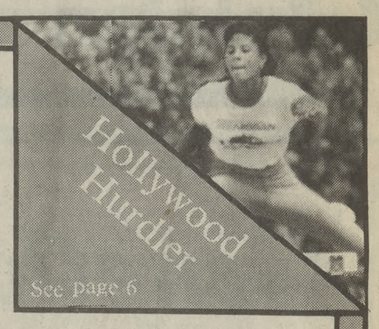

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NEWS BRIEFS

ASU president resigns post

Laura Lyons resigned as Associated Student Union (ASU) president last Tuesday during the weekly ASU meeting held in the campus center conference room.

Lyons was not present at the meeting but her letter of resignation was read by Vice President Desert Cowart.

"I'm sorry it had to end this way but my family obligations are my first priority," said Lyons.

Cowart will become ASU president for the remainder of the semester. John Rodriguez, former commissioner of elections was voted in as new vice president.

"John has been attending the meetings and he is the logical one for the position next year, so the next few weeks will be a good learning experience for him," said Cowart.

Enrollment up says district

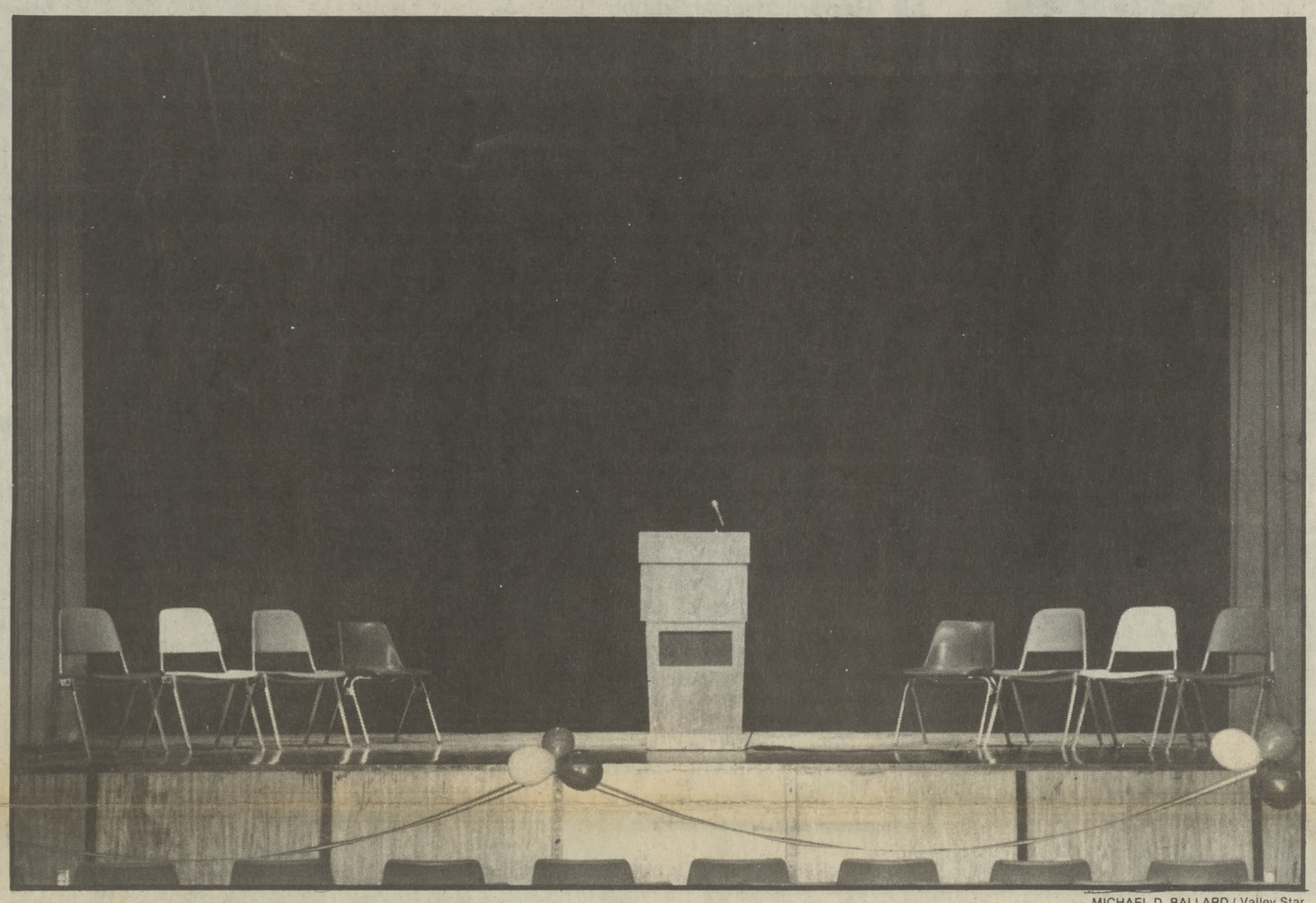
Spring enrollment in the Los Angeles Community Colleges showed a 2.1 percent increase over last year, according to just-released figures by the college district.

The figures show 98,506 students attending the nine-college system, compared to 96,492 in Spring, 1987.

"These figures demonstrate the continued strength and vitality of the district," said Harold Garvin, president of the college district's Board of Trustees in announcing the final count. "Our efforts to boost our instructional program, recruit students, retain students and better serve our students continues to pay off."

Garvin also pointed out that the Spring enrollment figures follow several semesters of similar growth and, he said, "lay to rest the idea of our colleges being in a downward spiral. We're up and moving higher."

Enrollment at each of the colleges for the Spring is as follows: L.A. City College - 14,453; East L.A. College - 11,547; L.A. Harbor College -8,357; L.A. Mission College - 4,536; L.A. Pierce College - 17,284; L.A. Southwest College - 4,400; L.A. Trade-Technical College - 11,690; L.A. Valley College - 16,912; West L.A. College - 8,550; Instructional Television unit - 777.



Empty seats in Monarch Hall dramatize student and faculty lack of involvement in the ASU pre-election rally held on Tuesday.

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1,800 letters, 1 reply

ASU cancels pre-election rally

By MICHELE SCHWARTZ
News Editor

Due to a lack of attendance, the Associated Student Union (ASU) pre-election rally was cancelled on Tuesday.

"You would think that all these members who paid to become part of ASU would be interested in who is running for office and who may be elected," said Desert Cowart, newly appointed ASU president.

About 1,800 letters publicizing the rally were sent to ASU members and to various faculty members.

"No one even responded to the letter," said Cowart. "Professor Mary Amber Villa was the only person to respond to the letter that was sent out."

Lucia Yorey, commissioner of evening division said, "In the past the students worked very hard to save their [faculty] positions on the staff from being reappropriated, but when we ask for their support we get none.

"The students are said to be apathetic but given the opportunity they [faculty] are the ones who turnout to be apathetic," continued Yorey.

Apathy is a problem, believes Cowart, but not as big a problem as in the past.

"When Laura [Lyons, former ASU president] and I started out in ASU, there was only the two of us but now we have alot more positions that are being contested at the election this year," said Cowart.

Although Cowart is aware of the student apathy, she is also concerned with "certain people who are undermining the affects that we [ASU] have."

To promote better relations in the future, Cowart plans to "draft a letter to Farrel Broslawsky, professor of political sciences, asking him for some constructive criticism on how they can work to improve ASU."

Mertes appointed state chancellor

By BILL SCHEIDER
Staff Writer

David Mertes, head of the Sacramento-area Los Rios Community College District, has been appointed as the new chancellor of the state community college system, officials announced last Saturday.

At a meeting in Palm Springs, the California Community College Board of Governors voted unanimously to elevate Mertes to the $91,470 a year job effective in July.

As chancellor, Mertes will oversee the country's largest college system: 106 community colleges, divided into 70 local districts and attended by 1.27 million students.

The selection of Mertes ended a seven-month search for the successor to the previous chancellor, Joshua Smith.

Smith quit last August 14, frustrated over what he cited as administrative hurdles to his efforts to strengthen the roles of the state chancellor and board of governors and excessive delays in programs aimed at attracting more students and money to community colleges.

Mertes' appointment was hailed as a positive step by local community college administrators and faculty union officials.

Norm Schneider, spokesman for the Los Angeles Community College District, said Mertes brings extensive administrative experience to the state chancellor's post at a critical time for the community college system.

"A hallmark of his career," said Schneider, "has been an ability to work with various constituencies and get people to work together to compromise and to resolve issues."

Robert Gabriner, chairman of the Community College Council of the California Federation of Teachers, on Wednesday characterized Mertes

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Community colleges adopt '2 + 2'

Teachers' Day honors faculty

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees has proclaimed May 25 as Teachers' Recognition Day in the district.

Trustee Julia Wu presented the motion, unanimously adopted by the board, to officially establish the event as a way of recognizing the accomplishments of the faculty.

"The purpose of the Los Angeles Community College District is to educate students," said Wu, "and our instructors directly fulfill that purpose, sometimes under difficult conditions, so it is appropriate for us to acknowledge their efforts."

Wu recommended there be established on each of the district's nine campuses an oversight committee consisting of representatives from the Academic Senate and the Faculty Guild, to develop a process for selecting specific teachers to be recognized.

Eventually two faculty members per campus will be selected and honored on Teachers' Recognition Day.

By SUSAN L. WOOD
View Editor

The Los Angeles Community Board of Trustees passed a resolution last Wednesday to create a "2 + 2" Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree program between nine community colleges and California State University, Northridge.

"2 + 2" is a program in which student nurses study and obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from a community college.

Students then continue their studies at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), for two additional years to get their Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN).

This joint effort between CSUN and community colleges, including Valley, was prepared by directors of the Associate Degree in Nursing programs and an advisory board of health-care officials.

Peggie McTaggart, chairperson of the health science department at Valley said, "We didn't know the board was going to consider it [the creation of the "2 + 2" BSN degree]. It's been talked about for such a long time and suddenly they did it."

The BSN was designed to attract additional students into nursing education programs. The degree will also provide employers with nurses who have increased their educational levels, a pre-requisite which is becoming more common.

The enrollment, and eventual graduation, of an increased number of student nurses should help alleviate the shortage that many hospitals in the San Fernando Valley are now experiencing.

"I believe it is a positive action for our students..."

The community colleges were approached by Dr. Steve Gabany, chairman of the health science department at CSUN, and Mary C. Parker, associate professor of the nursing services program at CSUN, to get involved with their proposal.

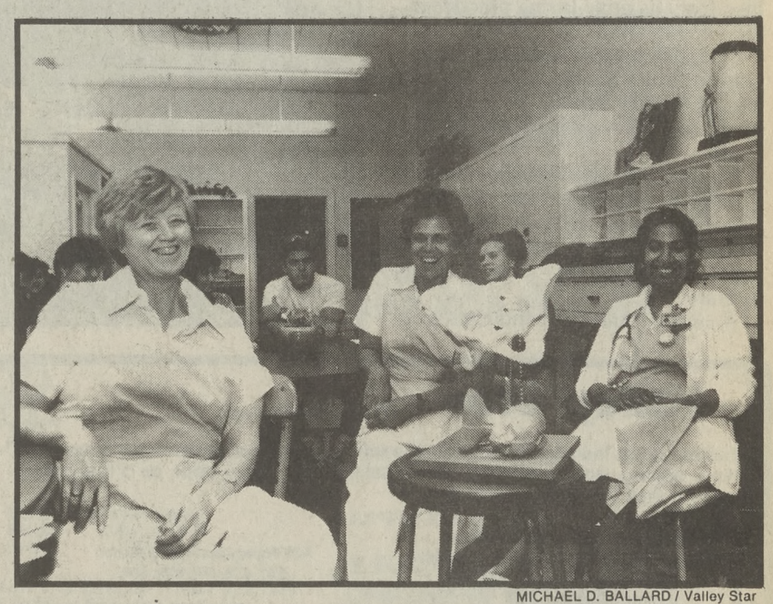
"I believe it is a positive action for our students," said McTaggart. "It will be less expensive for them to pursue a higher education...80 percent of them talk about continuing their education.

"Our students will have their ADN from here and then pass their boards, which is required by state law. After they pass the board, CSUN will accept them into the BSN program," said McTaggart.

The new BSN program will, initially, have a strict acceptance policy. It will be limited to graduates of the community colleges' ADN program and who have obtained their licenses as registered nurses.

Eventually the program will be expanded to accommodate the expected increasing enrollment from the broader nursing community.

Gabany has estimated a budget of $175,000 will be needed for the first two years of the new program's operation. He does not expect enrollment of the students to begin until January '89.



Nursing students Paula Zoss, Rosa Solarazano and K. Joy Kemper.

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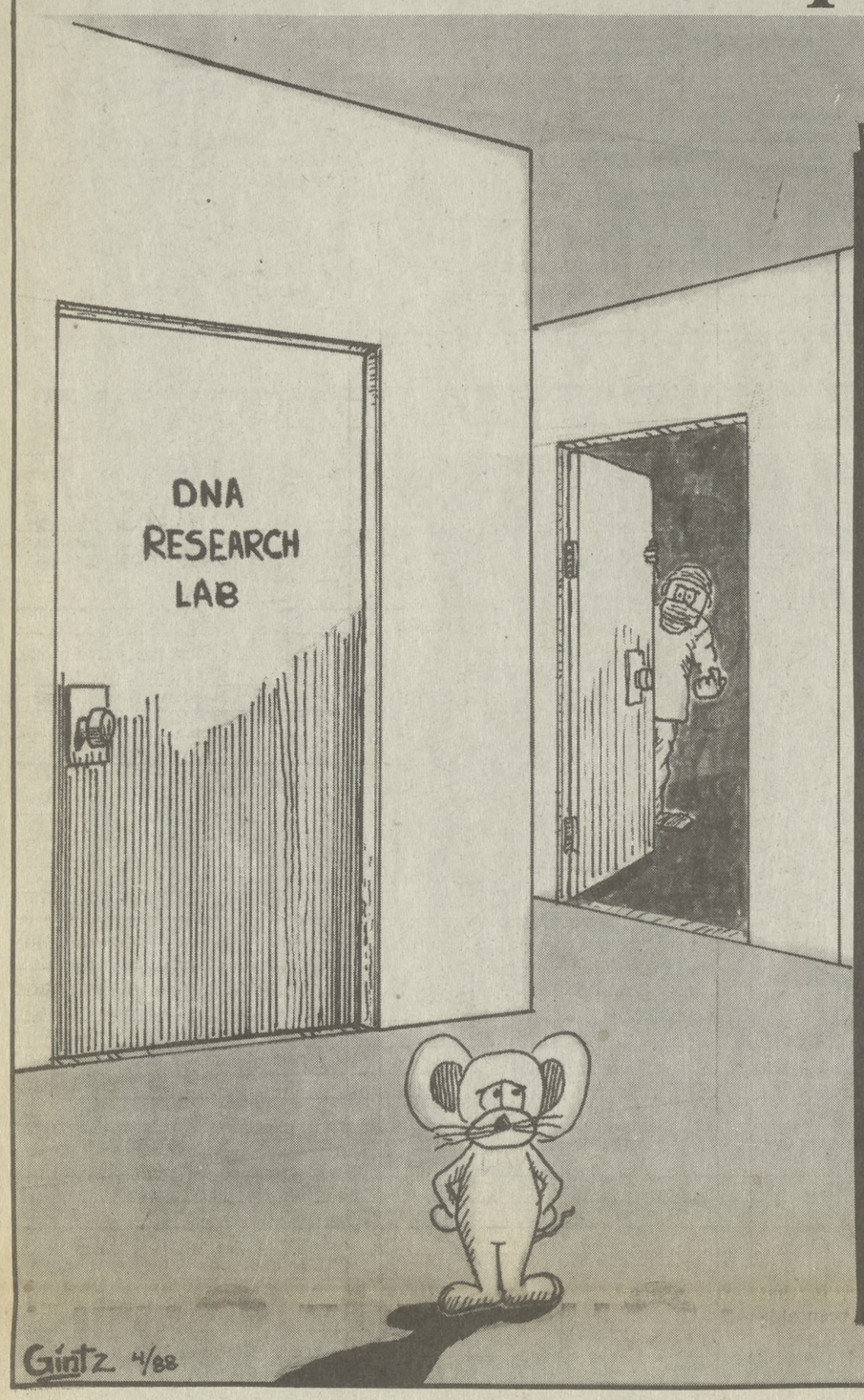
"According to Steve Gabany and Mary Parker, the prospects are very good of this passing," said McTaggart.

The other eight community colleges involved with the new program are: Antelope Valley, College of the Canyons, Glendale Community, Los Angeles Pierce, Moorpark, Pasadena City, Santa Monica and Ventura College.

STAR EDITORIAL

Genetic animal patent poses ethical dilemma



America's founders could not foresee today's biotechnological advances when they framed requirements for patents. Today, we can create new life forms and there are no ethical guidelines to determine how the power will be used.

What agency will monitor experimentation and marketing of genetically engineered organisms?

On Tuesday, April 12, the United States Patent Office granted the first patent on a genetically engineered animal.

A mouse, designed to develop tumors in the presence of carcinogens, was the product of gene-splicing done at Harvard Medical School.

Tampering with a mouse's genes for the purpose of developing an improved laboratory test animal is just the beginning.

Harvard University's goals are admirable. The new mouse should aid in testing anti-cancer drugs and limit use of laboratory research animals. Researchers who have developed a bacterium to prevent frost damage to crops are also well-intentioned.

But,the long-term effects of genetic engineering must be considered before future patents are granted. The twentieth century's new challenge is to keep ethical guidelines in step with rapid technological advances.

Today, the United States Patent Office has more power than Congress in determining which organisms can be patented. Legislation has been introduced in the House to place a moritorium on granting patents.

Proponents say that economic power will be in the hands of too few if a 17-year patent is granted on every new animal. Opponents argue that the moratorium will halt incentives for companies to experiment.

The ramifications of genetic engineering have far more significance than these economic forecasts.

Consider what unleashing genetically-altered bacteria could lead to if a mistake were made. For which forms of life do we refuse to permit gene splicing? What could happen if this technology were used by a would-be creator of a "master race"?

There is great potential for good and evil with genetic engineering. The possiblity exists to increase the world food supply or to evoke the horrors of old science fiction movies.

What is needed is a specific government agency to monitor current experiments and future uses of biotechnology.

Police action or full-scale war?

White House and Congress must make decision

By KAREN BROOME
Editor in Chief

Conflict in the Middle East has escalated in recent months to the point where it is difficult to distinguish between what President Reagan calls a police action and a full scale war.

Webster's Dictionary defines war as a conflict of arms between hostile parties or nations.

It is justifiable to consider the attack by U.S. warships on two strategic Iranian oil platforms as an act of military aggression against a hostile nation.

True, the show of force was a retaliatory action meant to deter Iran from its mine-laying practice in the Persian Gulf.

One such mine is credited for ripping a hole in the U.S. guided missile frigate *Samuel B. Roberts*, which left 10 American seamen injured.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fritzwater described the oil platforms that were attacked Monday, April 18 as "command and control radar stations for the Iranian military."

A similar raid was conducted last October in retaliation for the Chinese-made Silkworm missile that Iran launched against a U.S. flagged tanker in Kuwaiti waters.

Clearly this is more than a police action. There is a predominance of American military presence in the Persian Gulf. Bombs are being dropped and people are being injured and killed.

If the purpose of this skirmish is to protect the United States interests abroad, then Congress should rally behind the President and take care of business.

However, a majority of the oil shipped from the Persian Gulf finds it way to the shores of Japan, a country whose trade policy hardly favors the U.S.

It is admirable to spare other nations of the free world a confrontation with an unbalanced religious fanatic. As a dominating world power, it is the United States' responsibility to do so.

Whatever the military policy is, the White House should be up front about its mission in the Middle East and allow the legislative body to share in strategic planning.

The constitution of the United States prohibits the President from declaring war. It is Congress that carry that burden.

A 2/3 majority vote in each house is required before war can be proclaimed and American troops are committed to battle.

However, as commander in chief of the military forces, Reagan has invoked an implied constitutional right of executive privilege, which gives him temporary authority to police the troubled region.

Congress has publicly denounced the heightening of U.S. forces in the Middle East. A similar confrontation exists over American involvement in Nicaragua.

The Constitution was written specifically to provide checks and balances for decisions of national importance.

If our forefathers could have predicted the degree to which presidential power would encroach on the authority of the legislative assembly, it is likely that stronger language would have been used to prevent the abuse.

The White House and legislature must get together on this issue to decide whether or not America is at war.

Protecting the free world's oil supply is definitely important. If that is the bottom line, why not just declare it and act accordingly.

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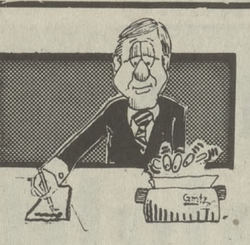

LAVC TRY-OUTS

Valley College will have Cheer and Yell Leading Try-Outs in the L.A. Valley Field House on Ethel Ave., north of Burbank Blvd.

Clinics will take place today, tomorrow and on April 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on April 28 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Try-outs will be held on April 29 at 5 p.m.

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HEALTH FAIR EXPO

The public is invited to take advantage of free health screening and health promotion/risk reduction activities at Health Fair Expo '88, April 15-24.

The Expo will be serving communities in five counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Ventura.

Services offered include blood pressure, vision screening, health counseling and heart disease risk reduction. Many sites may offer dermatology, body fat analysis, lung function and/or podiatry screenings.

Call the Health Fair Expo hotline at 1-800-223-6759 for more information.

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The student trustee must be a student in the district during the term. A stipend of $500 a month is paid.

For more information, come to Campus Center Bldg., Room 100.

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STUDY ABROAD BROCHURE

The "Los Angeles Community Colleges International Education Program" brochure for 1988 lists summer and semester study abroad opportunities worldwide.

It describes programs such as Semester in Cambridge, Semester in Paris, Spanish in Mexico and 30 other programs for college credit.

Write to International Education, LACCD, 617 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or call (213) 628-7788, ext. 2565.

COUNSELOR

A representative from UCLA will be in the Counseling department in the Administration building on Tuesday, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Students can make an appointment with the counseling secretary (ext. 246) or on a walk-in basis.

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VETERANS OFFICE INFO

To all veterans enrolled at Valley College: In order to obtain greater federal funding to provide services to veterans, the Veterans Office needs to identify (by May 16) all veterans who are enrolled at Valley College for the Spring '88 semester.

This is regardless of whether or not they are currently receiving Veterans Administration benefits.

By federal definition, a veteran is one who served on active duty in the Armed Foreces for a continuous period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge.

If you are a veteran who is not receiving any benefits or who has yet to file for Spring benefits, please stop by the Veterans Office in Admin. 124 or call their office at 781-1200, ext. 423 on Weds. from 1 to 3 p.m., or Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Veterans can also stop by the Counseling department drop-in desk in the Administration bldg. lobby on Monday through Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NURSING ORIENTATION

An orientation for students planning to enter the registered nursing program will be held Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Campus Center, Room 104.

Orientation will include: evaluation for admission, academic planning and career options.

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PLANETARIUM SHOW

"The Valley Astronomy Quiz" Planetarium Show will be presented tomorrow night at 8 p.m. and again at 9:15 p.m. at the Valley College Planetarium.

Admission prices are $3.50 for adults and $2 for children 8 to 16 years of age. Club members and College staff get a $1 discount.

For more information, call (818) 781-1200, ext. 335.

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SLIDE LECTURE

"National Parks of the Western United States" will be the subject of a slide lecture sponsored by the earth-science department and presented by Professor George R. Stuart on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Math-Science Bldg., Room 109.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

MERTES: oversees 106 colleges

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as a dedicated and trustworthy administrator from inside the California community college system.

Gabriner said: "There's an evolutionary path that the system will take with careful nurturing and careful cajoling by a chief executive officer like [Mertes] who is sensitive to all the different aspects of the system."

Gabriner cautioned, however, that Mertes' has had a sometimes stormy relationship with the union local in the LRCCD. "But," he added, "over the years Mertes has been able to establish a reasonably stable operation with the union and the academic senate."

Dr. Mary Lee, Valley College president, commended Mertes and said she thought he should do a "fine job."

"He is very familiar with the Sacramento scene," Lee said. "He has a good background in community college administration and he has been very active in state and national community college organizations."

Mertes currently is the chancellor-superintendent of the Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento.

College officials quoted in last Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*, said that during Mertes' seven-year tenure, the three colleges in that district have increasingly been able to attract minority students, create remedial education programs and increase student transfers to the University of California and California State University campuses.

Mertes was selected, those officials said, partly because he is viewed as capable of working with legislators and the governor as well as with the leaders of the local districts.

James Meznek, state deputy chancellor, said Mertes has a reputation for being progressive.

"Many of the Los Rios programs are model programs for the rest of the state," said Meznek.

In fact, Gabriner said, Mertes' experience at LRCCD will be especially helpful in solving the "tremendous difficulties and problems" facing the Los Angeles Community College District.

"[Mertes] comes from an urban district that historically has had problems similar to the Los Angeles district," he said. "He understands and will be responsive to what the LACCD and Los Angeles colleges are up against."

Mertes' secretary said Wednesday that Mertes would have no public statement on either his appointment or his agenda. Nonetheless, one of his major items of business is certain to be the omnibus community college reform bill, AB 1725.

Schneider said: "He's worked a great deal on [AB 1725] before, and one of his top-priority tasks at the moment will be determining how that will be pursued."

AB 1725 is a wide-ranging reform bill containing recommendations of the Master Plan for Higher Education commission.

Among those recommendations are controversial changes that would strengthen the governing and fiscal role of the state chancellor and board of governors, shifting power from the local districts to the state office.

The bill was passed by the state Legislature and Senate last year and is now in conference committee awaiting amendments from its author, Assemblyman John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose).

Schneider said that Mertes also will have to confront the perennial issue of community college funding.

"We'll have to see what kind of in-roads he's able to make with the Legislature and governor to affect some serious fiscal changes," he said.

Mertes earned a doctorate in biochemical embryology from UC Berkeley in 1966. He was a researcher for the American Cancer Society before he became an administrator.

He was president of the College of San Mateo from 1968-1978 and superintendent of the Santa Barbara Community College District from 1978-1981. He assumed his current position with LRCCD in 1981.

TAE promotes excellence

By MICHELE SCHWARTZ
News Editor

Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE) is a honors society and service-oriented club at Valley geared toward promoting academic excellence and service to the students and community.

The club is open to anyone with at least a 3.2 GPA in at least 12 graded units from their last semester or a 3.2 GPA or better in 18 overall units (all accredited college work).

"I want to make TAE well-known and respected by the faculty," said Janet Walters, president of TAE. "We want it to be a club that students would be proud to belong to."

In hopes of getting more student involvement, a questionaire is being put together. When finished it will be mailed out to nearly 400 members of TAE.

The questionaire will help the officers of the club to plan activities that most of the members can enjoy participating in. They will even be planning future lectures on topics of interest to the members.

"We have already participated on club day, Dean's tea, homecoming and we are even working as support staff during the upcoming Arts Festival," said Walters.

TAE begins a little later in the semester with the first club meeting held March 15. "We wait until the grades come out then we do a mass mailing of flyers to qualified students," said Walters.

"TAE also awards cash scholarships to its members based on a point system," said Walters. "The more points you receive the higher award you achieve."

Points can be received in various ways. If you become an officer of the club you get 10 pts., attending meetings give you 2 pts. and helping out at club functions is a minimum of 5 pts.

Cash scholarships can range from at least $25 up to $300. The more money that TAE raises, the more scholarships are available to its members.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in Campus Center, Room 201. Membership fees are $5 for new members and $4 for returning members.

PAUL MASKA / Valley Star

Members of Tau Alpha Epsilon (l-r) Julie Kovacs, former president; Nguyen Duethanh, vice president; Nancy Dalton, treasurer; Dr. Synthia Sulton, advisor to TAE; David Krumsiek, senate representative and (center) Janet Walters, current TAE president.

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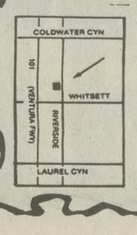

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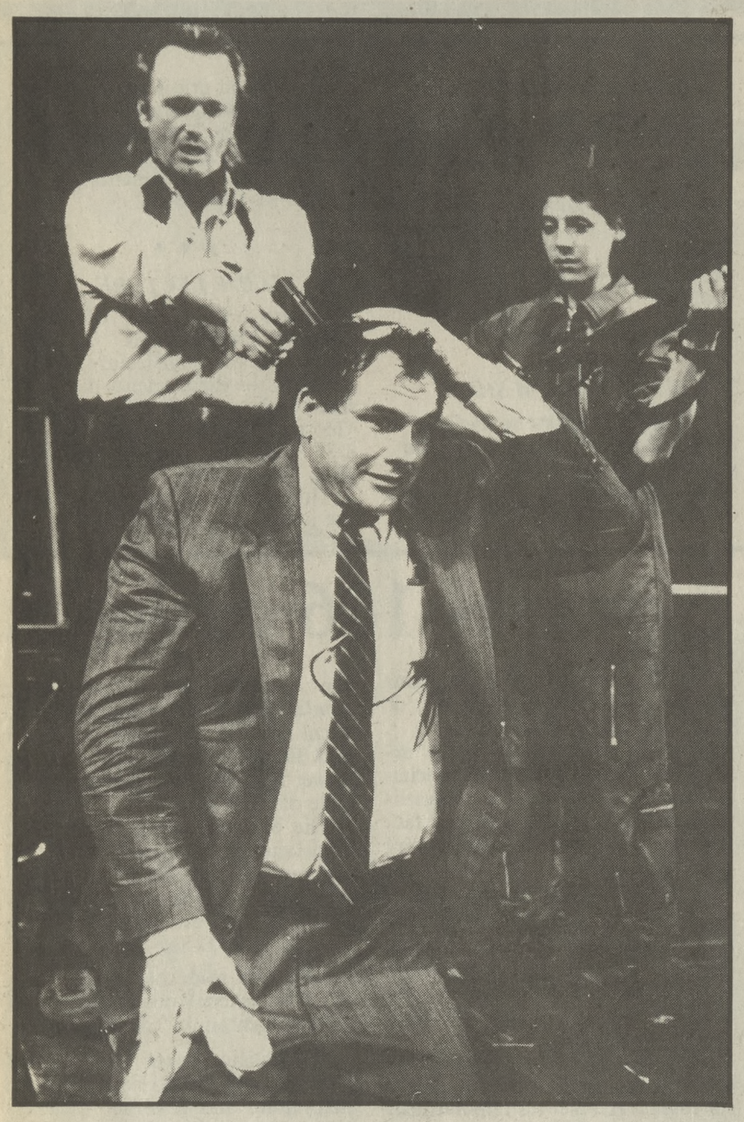

Victor (Anthony Geary) threatens David (Michael Cutt) as Cathy (Kelly Wolf) looks on.

Terrorist threatens community

Compelling drama tells hostage nightmare

By JUDITH WAXMAN
Staff Writer

Clawing and scratching, *Cat's Paw,* a play by William Mastrosimone, digs into and gets under the skin.

A chilling, contemporary drama, *Cat's Paw* takes place in a warehouse in Washington, D.C. It is the story of a terrorist, Victor, his comrade, Cathy, his hostage, David, and an ambitious television newswoman, Jessica Lyons, who never made it to the top of her profession.

Victor's obsession is the pollution of America's drinking water. A month ago, he kidnapped an official of the Environmental Protection Agency, David Darling, and demanded changes.

When Victor's demands were ignored, he blew up 27 people, including children, outside the EPA offices in Washington.

Now, Victor wants to present his argument to the public. Victor permits, and Cathy brings, television reporter Jessica Lyons and her camera into his hideout, the warehouse.

Immediately, a cat and mouse game of pouncing and pausing, of turning the camera on and off develops.

Jessica wires Victor for sound. "I could have gone to others, but I wanted you," Victor says to Jessica, as Cathy stands guard with a semi-automatic rifle.

"I am in a warehouse somewhere in the city," says Jessica. " 27 persons killed. Terrorist--'

"Can't say 'terrorist'," protests Victor.

"This is Jessica Lyons. I'm sitting here with a commando--"

"Urban guerrilla leader," says Victor.

On camera, Victor states his case. "H2O, water is finite. Terror is when you turn on the tap. You and I, we drink the lead, the zinc, the copper."

But when Jessica questions Victor about the car bomb that killed 27 people, Victor says, "I exploded apathy, not people."

Off camera, Victor admits, "I didn't know these children would be there. The bomb was intended for EPA officials."

For years, Victor has watched and admired Jessica's work and, as the play progresses, Victor's past emerges and his keen interest in Jessica's career is exposed.

Victor's angry outbursts are diffused with mild humor: "Do you have to smoke that?" he asks. "You have something better?" she answers.

Then, Jessica is allowed to interview the hostage, David.

"Any positive aspects to your captivity?"

"Yes, I lost weight."

In captivity over a month, David fears for his life and never seeing his family again. A minor EPA official who signed a document of "acceptable levels of contamination," David is without remorse for there "isn't risk to the public health." Yet, bottled water is delivered to David's house.

With triple themes: terrorism; the poisoning of our planet; and the ethics of journalists, the four-character play holds its audience enthralled but cheats it of a real resolution. And without a clear moral perspective, *Cat's Paw* is merely a good play, instead of a great one.

Anthony Geary delivers a powerful performance as Victor, a calculating environmental terrorist with an ironic name. A veteran of stage and screen, Geary won a 1982 Emmy for his role as Luke in television's *General Hospital.*

Christine Ebersole is Jessica Lyons, a tough television reporter with the story of her career. As Jessica, Ebersole distances herself from her emotions as she mines and manipulates her "scoop." Ebersole appeared in the films *Tootsie* and *Amadeus.*

Outacting both Ebersole and Geary, Michael Cutt shines as hostage, David Darling. Fumbling and falling, Cutt's fright and confusion are clear.

Kelly Wolf plays Cathy, the idealistic soldier who has "to know my life stands for something." Wolf's ferver emanates from her stance as well as her speech.

Set designer Douglas D. Smith ingeniously creates a warehouse. Filled with packing crates of artillery and storage drums of ammunition, the set is centered around a circular ladder that connects to a "cat walk."

Well-paced by Director Bill Bushnell, *Cat's Paw* is presented at the Los Angeles Theatre Centre, 514 S. Spring St.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through May 15.For reservations, call (213) 627-5599.

LAVC Spring Arts Festival under way

By NANCY WEDEEN
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

Mary Spangler, professor of English, writer, and now chairwoman of the 2nd Annual LAVC Arts Festival, keeps a hectic schedule.

Since March, Spangler has been coordinating activities of students, faculty and staff as they prepare for the May 1988 event. She is confident that this festival will be successful and said that planning is slightly ahead of schedule.

Press releases are being mailed to high school and city newspapers, chambers of commerce and to radio and television stations.

Spangler may appear on the popular KABC *Ken and Bob* morning talk show to field phone calls about the Arts Festival.

Her priorities at this stage of planning are the administrative requirements, the scheduling of an hour-by-hour listing of events and public relations.

A three-fold full color poster, which will be distributed along with the LA Times in May, is being printed. Some of the 180,000 posters will be hand delivered by Valley College counselors to local high schools, libraries and civic agencies.

Spangler intends to draw a wide audience for the five-day festival.

The purpose of the Arts Festival is to demonstrate the diversity of programs available, showcase the talent of Valley College students, entertain the community and attract potential students.

The Arts Festival will begin with a Talent Show on Wednesday evening, May 18 and end with a concert on Sunday evening, May 22. Students, faculty, and celebrities are scheduled to participate.

Upcoming campus events

The Lady From Dubuque will be at the Theatre Art Building's Horseshoe Theatre at 8 p.m. on April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

Consumnes River College Chamber Singers conducted by Dr. David Yoder will be at the Music dept.'s Recital Hall at 11 a.m. on May 5.

Pianist Leonne Lewis will be in concert at the music dept.'s Recital Hall at 11 a.m. on April 21.

Frank Thomas Ensemble and *Mark Johnson* will perform in Monarch Square at 12 noon & 6 p.m. on April 21.

LAVC Choirs conducted by George Attarian will be at the music dept.'s Recital Hall at 11 a.m. on April 28.

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George Attarian conducts the LAVC Philharmonic/COTA Choirs at the First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills.

Powerful presentation

Concert unites sounds

By DIANA MOSS
Staff Writer

The LAVC Philharmonic/COTA choirs and the COTA Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of conductor George Attarian, presented a beautiful, yet powerful performance at the First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills on April 17.

The program consisted of two pieces: *Cantata No. 169* and *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Written by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Cantata No. 169* was brilliantly performed by the COTA Chamber Orchestra with accompanist Robert Young on the pipe organ.

Mezzo-soprano Dianne Wintrob performed a spine-tingling version of *God's Self Alone My Heart Possesseth*. At the end of the piece, the COTA Choir from the rear of the sanctuary harmonized with Wintrob, adding a feeling of mysticism to the interpretation.

Dona Nobis Pacem, written by Ralph Vaughan Williams to a setting of poet Walt Whitman, was second in the evening's program.

The LAVC Philharmonic and the COTA Choirs gave an overpowering performance in the Cantata set in five movements, communicating an ambiance of eeriness.

Soprano Carol Lande and baritone William Malakowsky as featured artists complemented the piece.

The evening's program drew about a two-thirds capacity crowd to the church's small sanctuary.

Valley College has a partnership with COTA (Committee on the Arts) where the college and the community join in the effort to expand musical opportunities in the San Fernando Valley.

The next event on the COTA calendar is an art auction. It will be held at Casa De Cadillac in Sherman Oaks on May 14. Donations are $2.50 per person and refreshments will be served.

To the beat

Studio jazz harmonize

By NANCY WEDEEN
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

The sounds of the Studio Jazz Band brought warmth and excitement to Valley students on the afternoon of April 14. It was hard to tell who was enjoying the concert more, the audience or the musicians.

Conductor Don Nelligan casually welcomed students and faculty to Monarch Hall for the tenth concert of the music department series.

The concert featured toe-tapping big band jazz from the early forties to the eighties. Nelligan began with an old favorite, *Besame Mucho* as the audience entered the hall.

An excellent arrangement of *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, with a trombone solo by Ken Schroyer and a lilting whisper of the melody by Dan West on the piano, brought applause and whistles from listeners.

With a change of tempo and style, Nelligan then led the band in *New Environment Suite 1*, a fast, loud and exciting samba. The band followed this with a much slower and softer rendition of *Wide Open Spaces*, providing a good change of mood.

A double-time, new, funky-style piece *Killer Joe* featured the electric guitar, strong drums and a trumpet solo.

Bob Stromquist and Peter Harris smiled with their eyes and swayed with the tempo as they played their tenor saxophones alternately and harmonically in *Doodle Oodle*, a 1960's favorite wake-up tune.

The entire band played with exuberance to complement drummer Eric Wells who was featured in this piece .

Nelligan clapped his hands, snapped his fingers, tapped his foot and nodded his head, as he conducted. He offered *Besame Mucho* in reprise to end the concert.

The musicians, ranging in ages from the 20s to the 60s, laughed and chatted between pieces.

With much enthusiasm, the audience applauded spontaneously after each solo and at the end of each piece.

Other jazz concerts will be offered in May and June.

Symphony orchestra brings new life to classical selections

JIM LUNDY / Valley Star

Orchestra members are Chris Campbell, Bob Sundstrom and Jeff Bandy.

By ANITA OWENS
Staff Writer

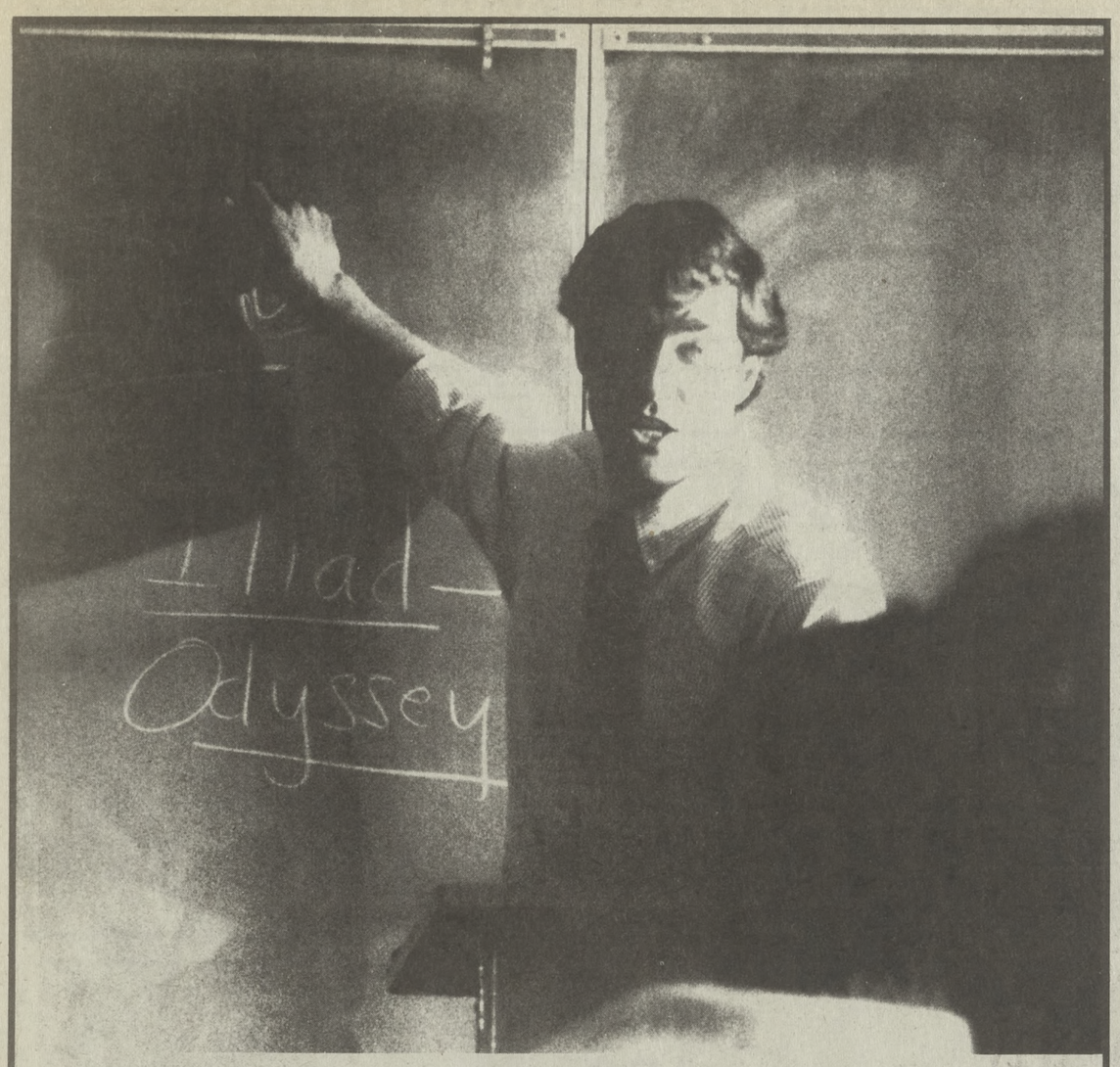
The Valley College Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Theodore Lynn, performed before an ecstatic audience in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m. on April 12.

The program consisted of three classical renditions. The most outstanding of the three was a portion of Bizet's opera *Carmen*.

The music department's last concert of the season will be Sunday, May 22, at the Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles.

This concert will be a combination of choir and orchestra. It will feature artists from the music department and from the Cota Symphony Association. The admission is free.

For additional information call (818) 781 1200, ext. 348/346.



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Swim teams seek title

By OPAL CULLINS
Sports Editor

Valley Swim Coach Bill Krauss expects Monarch swimmers to clinch their conference title when they face San Bernardino in the Valley pool this Friday.

"We should be much faster than we were last week against Chaffey," said Krauss, "because our pool is deep and has deep gutters that lessen the wave-like turbulence created by swimmers."

The Monarchs, 4-0 in conference meets, finished ahead of Chaffey in both the men's and women's division, despite slower times in Chaffey's shallow pool last Friday.

Dave Hale and Hario Kajona were double winners. Hale won the 200-yard freestyle in (1.59.8) and the 100 in (52.7). Kajona pulled off wins in the 200-individual medley with a time of (2.13.7) and the 200-butterfly in (221.7).

Traci Cordobes and Shawna Sack were triple winners. Cordobes finished in first in the 200-individual medley (2.32), the 100-breaststroke for a personal best (1.19.3) and the 500-freestyle in (5.49.0).

Sacks swam the 100-individual medley, the 100 and 200 freestyle in respective time; (2.09), (100.6) and (12.5) for first place victories.

Carlos Diaz took second place in the diving category with 181.7 points while Chaffey finished with 197 points, winning just one event in the meet.

The Monarchs will challenge San Bernardino Friday at 4 p.m.

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Carlos Diaz, Valley's leading diver, practices for Friday's title against San Bernardino.

Baseball, softball lose again

By OPAL CULLINS
Sports Editor

The Monarch baseball team went to San Bernardino College Saturday, looking for a win, and came away with its seventh loss in 10 games.

San Bernardino had 13 hits in their 12-4 disposing of the Monarchs. Valley, 6-7-2 in conference play with a 9-15-2 overall, had seven hits.

"Although we have been playing better in the past few games, we need good consistant pitching and defensive performances. We have been striking out way too much as a team," said Monarch Coach Chris Johnson.

Johnson plans to include tension control at the plate next year to improve Valley's batting average.

Valley plays East L.A. today at 2 p.m. on the Monarch field.

The Valley softball team lost a chance to break a four-game losing streak Friday, when they visited Rio Hondo and suffered a 7-0 rout by the conference leaders.

The Monarchs have lost three consecutive games against the Rio Hondo team. The unbroken streak drops the Monarchs to a 7-7 and 13-16 overall record in the third round of conference play.

Valley visits L.A. Harbor Friday at 3 p.m. and travels to Cerritos for a Saturday through Sunday tournament action starting at 4 p.m.

Hurdler leaps for Hollywood

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

What, might you ask, is a willowly, assured and disarmingly attractive model who has competed in the Miss Northridge, Sherman Oaks and Hollywood Discovery Beauty Pageants doing on the LAVC women's track team?

For Sabrina Cochrane, the Monarchs 20 year-old hurdler who has modeled on *Two on the Town* and for a Beverly Hills private club, the answer is simple.

She loves being in front of an audience and feels comfortably nervous whether its striding down a runway in top name designer's clothing or competing against other athletes.

Cochrane, nicknamed "Hollywood" last year by Coach James Harvey because of her good looks and aspiration to become an actress, was seriously doubted to last the rigors of spring training but proved to be a strong and talented athlete.

"I was pleasantly surprised," says Harvey, when he found her to be a talented, hardworking athlete with an earnest desire to excel in track.

"She's like a quartz watch. She's always on time and prepared to run," says Harvey of Cochrane, who competes in both the 100 and 400 meter hurdles as well the 4x1, 4x2 and 4x4 relays.

You can be sure that before each race, Sabrina will be passing the baton to teammates Phyllis Manigault, Pam Richardson and Barbara Singletary to ensure a optimum handoff during the event.

Since her arrival at Valley, Cochrane has steadily improved with each track performance.

Turning in her most recent personal best of the '88 season three weeks ago in the 100-meter at the Fresno Relays, she finished in second, with a time of 14.7, out of 37 competitors.

The fifth child in a family of seven, Cochrane grew up in Ohio watching her father, William Cochrane, who ran the 100-200 meters and quarter mile in college, train her older brothers and sisters in track.

It wasn't long before she followed their lead.

"She'd be coming out of the starting blocks with her sister Yolette without any instructions," says William. "She had potential right from the start."

Cochrane, as a teenager, moved to Los Angeles with her mother, Leona, when her parents divorced.

Although Cochrane and her father are close, sharing her disapointments and successes, she had to cultivate her athletic potential on her own.

However, she credits her father as having the most influence in her life. He was the first person she called for comfort and support after she failed to make the state finals last year.

He told her: "Some day's you're a superstar and some times you don't have it. No one knows when they're going to peak. It might not be your day to peak."

Harvey said, "Sabrina is presently three-tenths of a second off her life time best of 14.4 and all she needs to do to equal it, is concentrate on getting out of the starting block."

Cochrane plans to continue her education, acting and athletic pursuits at a four-year school. She is currently studying speech, broadcasting, Afro-American and Chicano studies and has studied drama all through high school.

Indeed, it is no small wonder that eight schools have expressed interest in her.

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Sabrina Cochrane works on her hurdling technique for the Southern California Prelims.

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